

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

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'Come Follow Me' – Be the best that I can be.*



Newsletter

Issue 24—Friday 19th April 2024

Mr P Whitehead—Headteacher

Miss S Esposito - Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers.

Another week done and lots of activity in school! Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mr P Whitehead.

Breakfast Club

Please can I remind parents that Breakfast club starts at 8:00 and children should remain supervised by parents until this time when they can enter breakfast club. Please do not send children on their own to sit in the school reception as the children will not be supervised by any of our staff. We have had a small number of children arriving at school at 7:45 and sitting in reception by themselves. This has caused staff who do not work in breakfast club having to wait with the children as we do not want children to be left on their own. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Uniform—Earrings

We have had a number of children coming to school with earrings that are not part of our school uniform policy. Children can wear studs only. We have had a number of children who are wearing larger hooped earrings and this poses a potential injury risk in school. Please can I ask for your support in following our Uniform Policy here at St Matthew's and make sure children only wear what is outlined as school uniform.

Please can I also remind you that the children should only wear the school PE uniform on their PE day – black or navy joggers, leggings or shorts, a white t-shirt, and trainers. Children should not have clothes with large logos or brands.

In School This Week

Well done F1 on a super start to our Rhyme Challenge this week and a thank you to all the parents who came and joined us.



A big thank you to Mia and her Grandad who entered our school in the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. We received a delivery of some amazing books for our school library as we were selected as a winning school. Thank You!



Well done to a group of year 5 and 6 pupils who represented our school fantastically at our Trust Swimming Gala.



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Attendance

F1— 91.20%

F2— 92.59%

Class 1— 98.41%

Class 2— 93.75%

Class 3— 95.70%

Class 4— 93.91%

Class 5— 93.19%

Class 6— 95.83%



Whole School Attendance this week — 94.97%

Whole School Attendance year to date — 92.68%

As you know, being in school on time and every day is extremely important for all children in order that they receive the best possible start to their learning. Currently our school attendance is not at the level we would like it to be. We are asking that you please ensure that you make all reasonable efforts to send your child into school. Sometimes you might suspect that your child is slightly under the weather, but well enough to come to school. That is fine, as staff will monitor very carefully and if necessary can administer medication and call later on in the day. Clearly, there are some illnesses that mean there is no choice other than keeping them off for the day.

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 26th April @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- May—Travelling Rosary Month
- Tuesday 30th April and Thursday 2nd May—Class 2 Bring your Parents to School sessions.
- Thursday 2nd May @ 10:00— Class 5 Class Mass
- Friday 3rd May @ 9:05— Class 4 Oracy Assembly
- Friday 3rd May @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Friday 10th May @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May—Class 6 SATS Week
- Friday 16th May @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Thursday 23rd May—May Procession and Family Picnic
- Friday 24th May @ 9:05—Class 1 Oracy Assembly
- Friday 24th May—Finish for Half Term Break
- Monday 10th June—School opens for New Term.

Governors

We have vacancies on our governing body for Foundation Governors. If you are interested in being part of the governing body please come and speak to me and I can explain the details of the role and answer any questions you may have.

Nursery Places September 2024

Nursery places are available for children aged 3 years or who will be 3 years old before 1st September 2024. Application



Virtues to Live By

Our Virtue for next week is:

Resilience/Perseverance

Parish Mass Times
St Matthew's Church
Sunday @ 9:30am

Reading for the Week—Mark 4: 35-41 'Calming of the Storm'

On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too. Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?" Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down, and there was a great calm. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you frightened? Do you still have no faith?" But they were terribly afraid and began to say to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Reflection

Signs you are Resilient and you Persevere:

You don't let doubts stop you from trying.

You are not afraid because you know you are not alone.

You ask God to help you grow through your personal challenges.

You take one step at a time - You keep going!

You complete what you start.

You are a reliable classmate.